

# Les plastiques en médecine : usages, réglementations et interrogations

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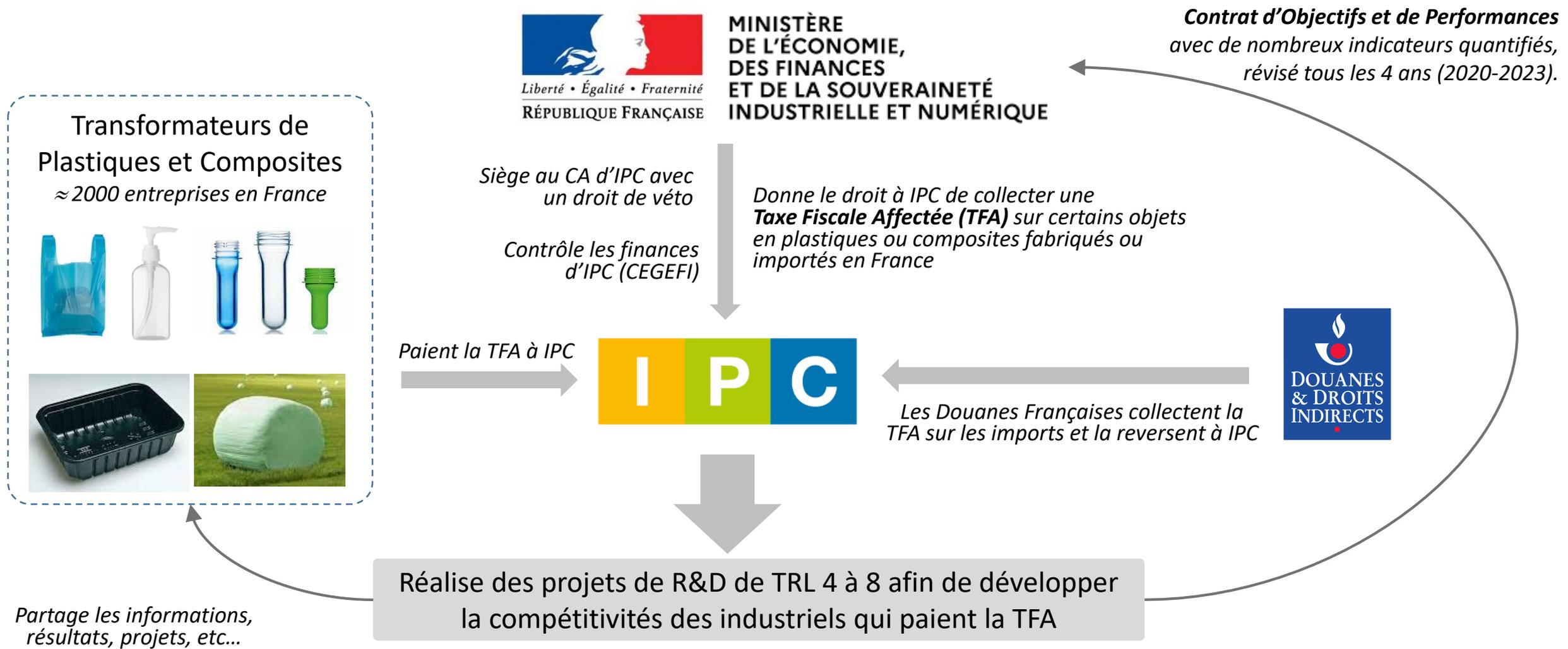


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**Une plasturgie éthique, responsable et  
respectueuse de l'environnement**

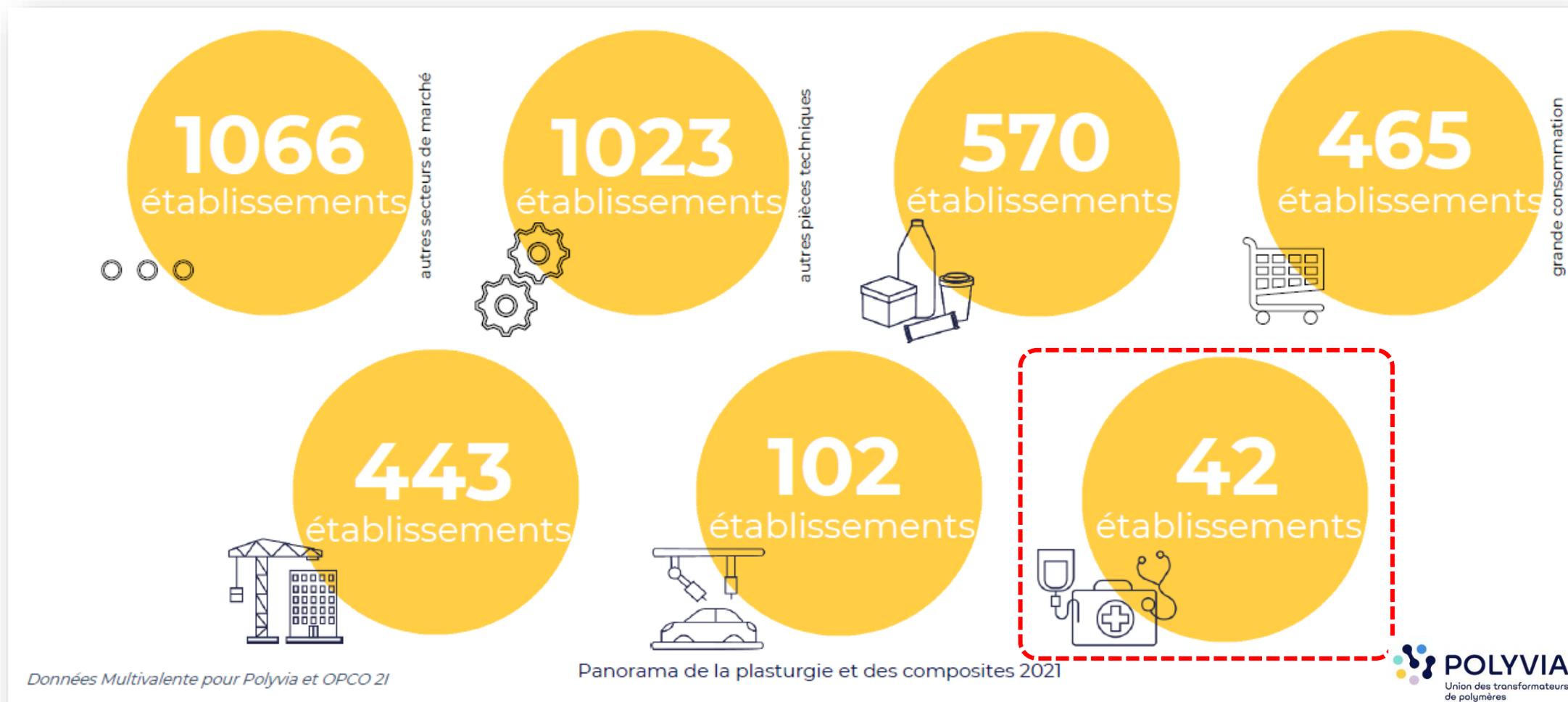


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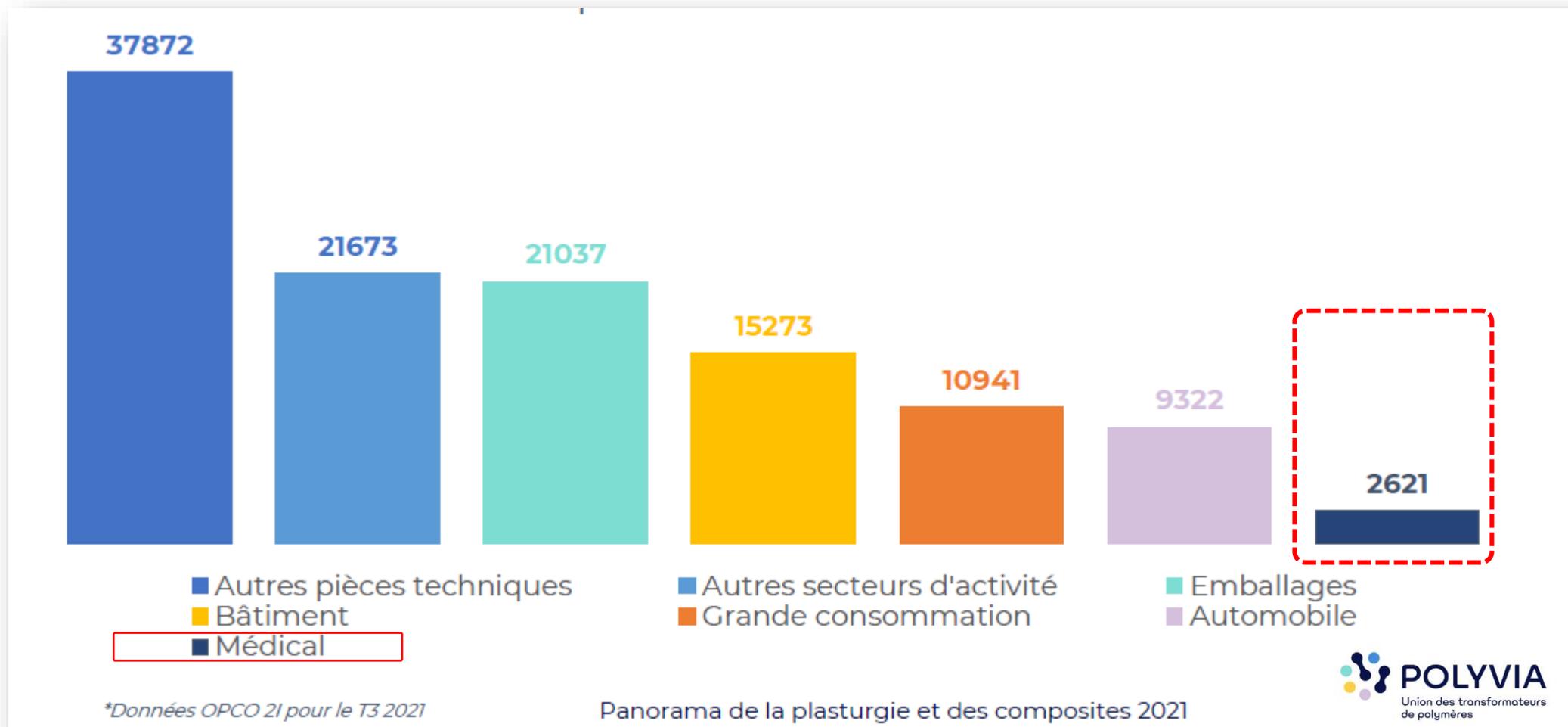
**5 Sites / 175 personnes / 18 M€ budget 2024**

# Nombre d'entreprises « plasturgistes » par secteur d'activité



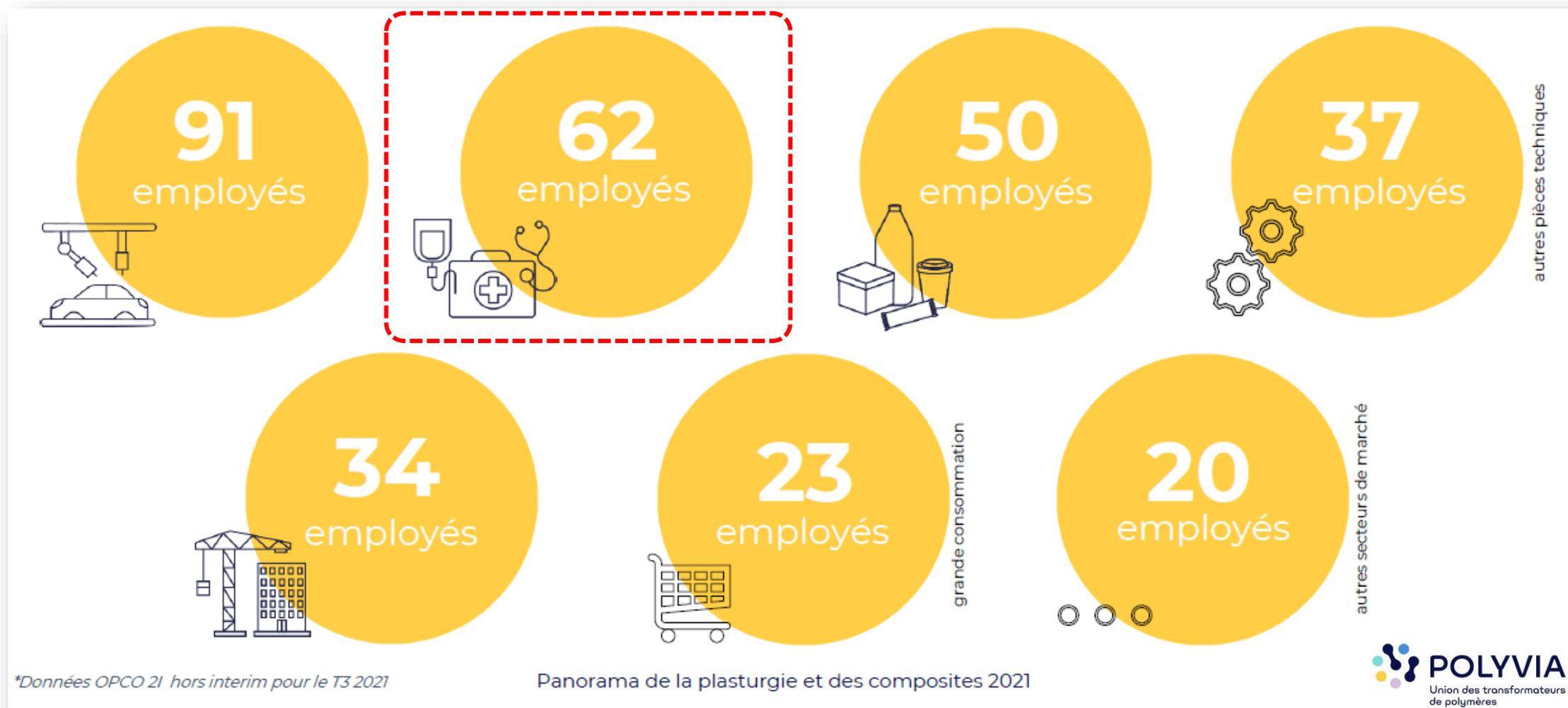
**Environ 3 700 entreprises « plasturgistes »... Secteur médical < 1 %**

# Nombre de salariés « plasturgistes » par secteurs d'activité



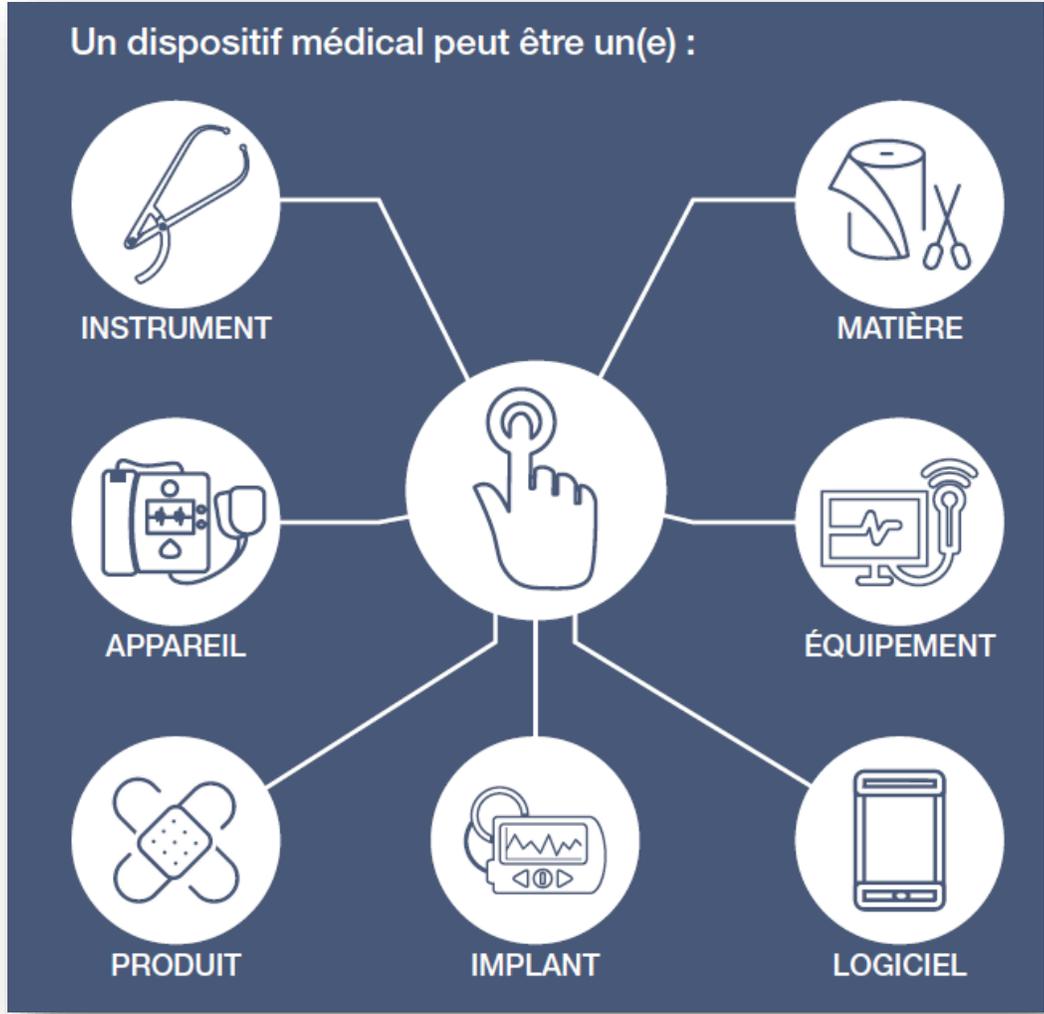
**Environ 120 000 salariés « plasturgistes »... Secteur médical ≈ 2 %**

# Taille moyenne des plasturgistes par secteurs d'activité

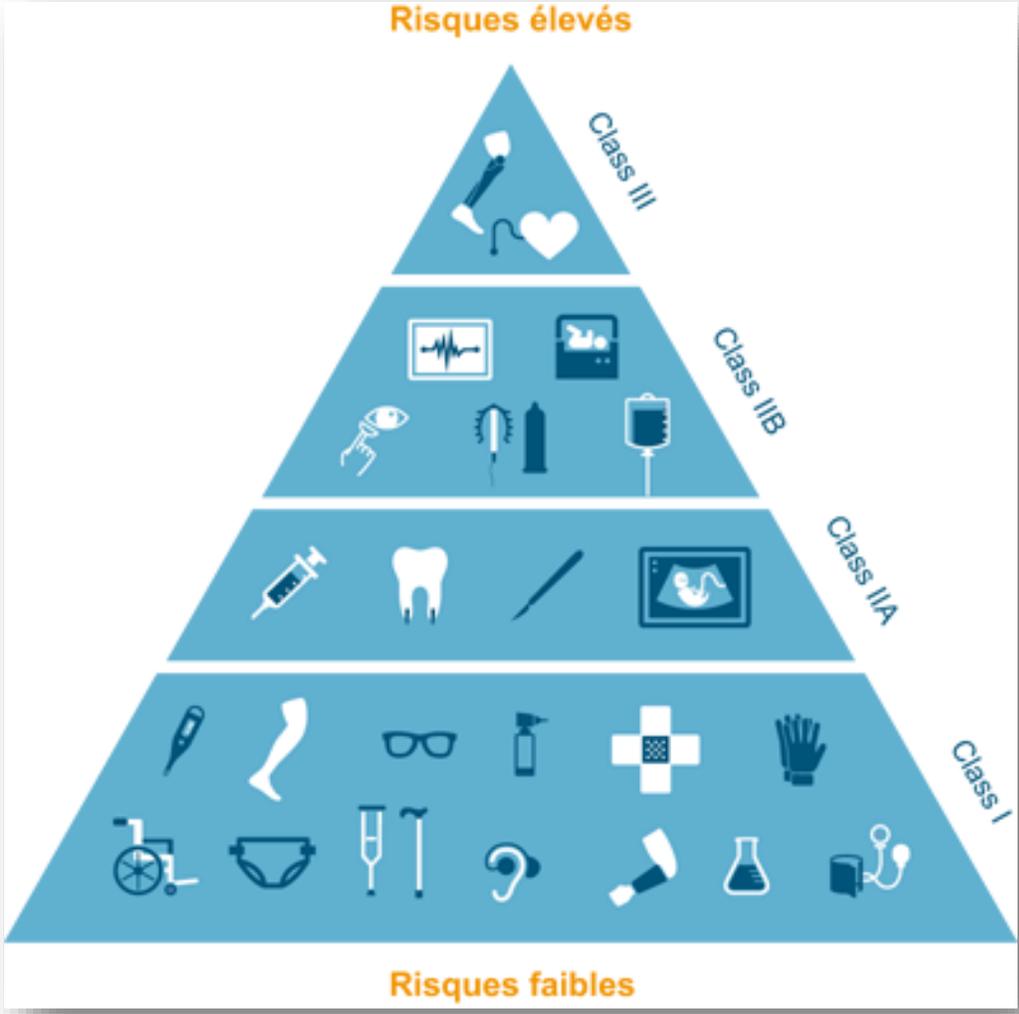


**Moyenne globale  $\approx$  35 pers... Une industrie de sous-traitance très égrainée...**

# Les dispositifs médicaux

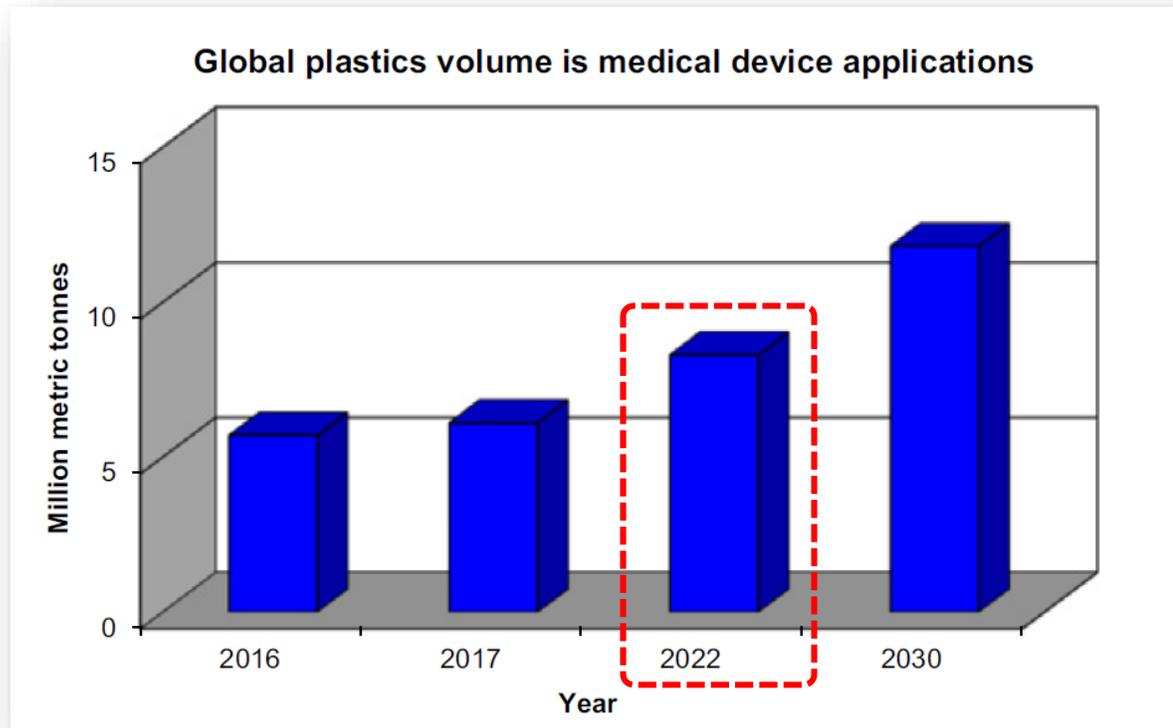


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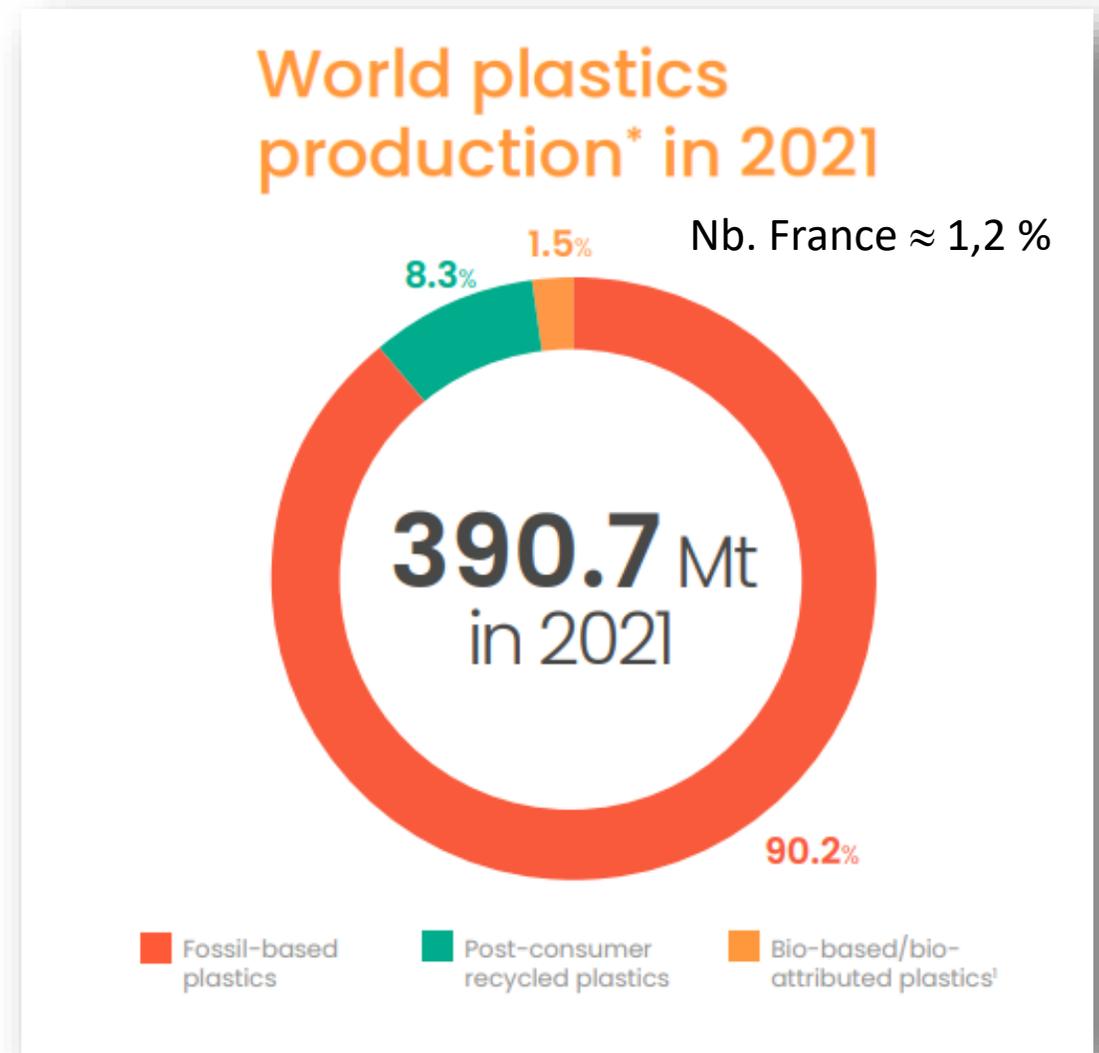


Source: Polymex.fr

# Les plastiques dans les dispositifs médicaux



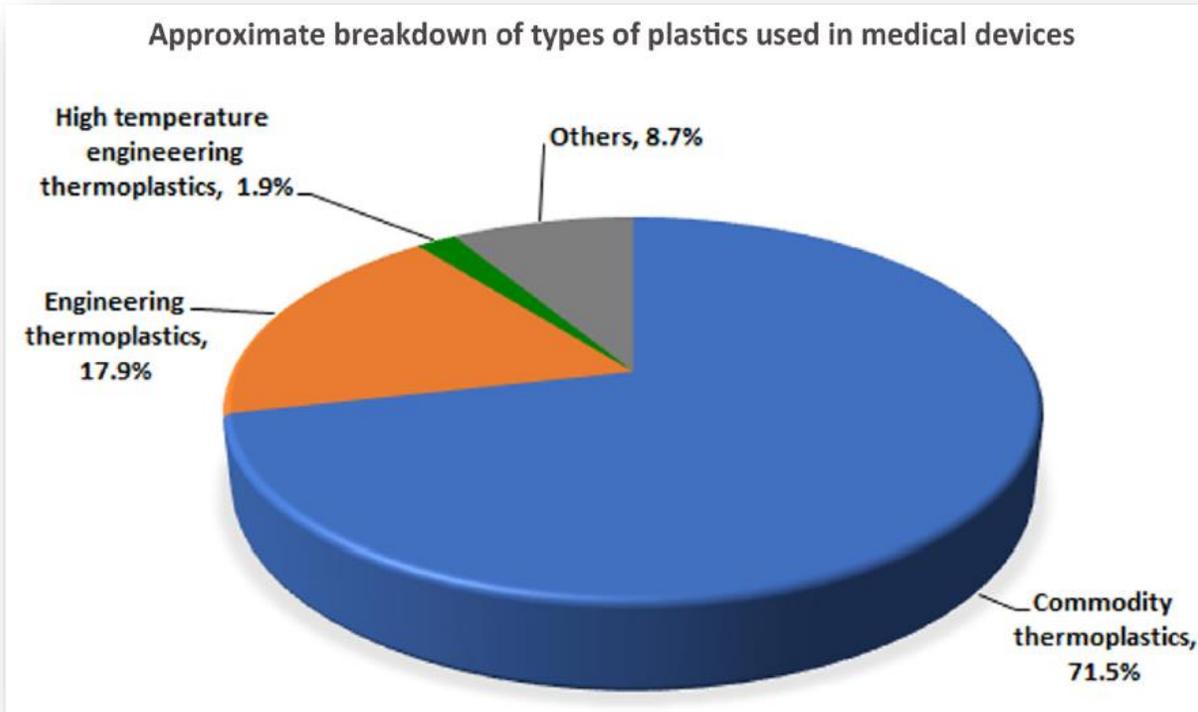
Source: Plastics in Medical Devices, Elsevier, 2022.



Source: Plastics Europe

**$\approx$  2% de la consommation mondiale de plastiques**

# Les plastiques dans les dispositifs médicaux

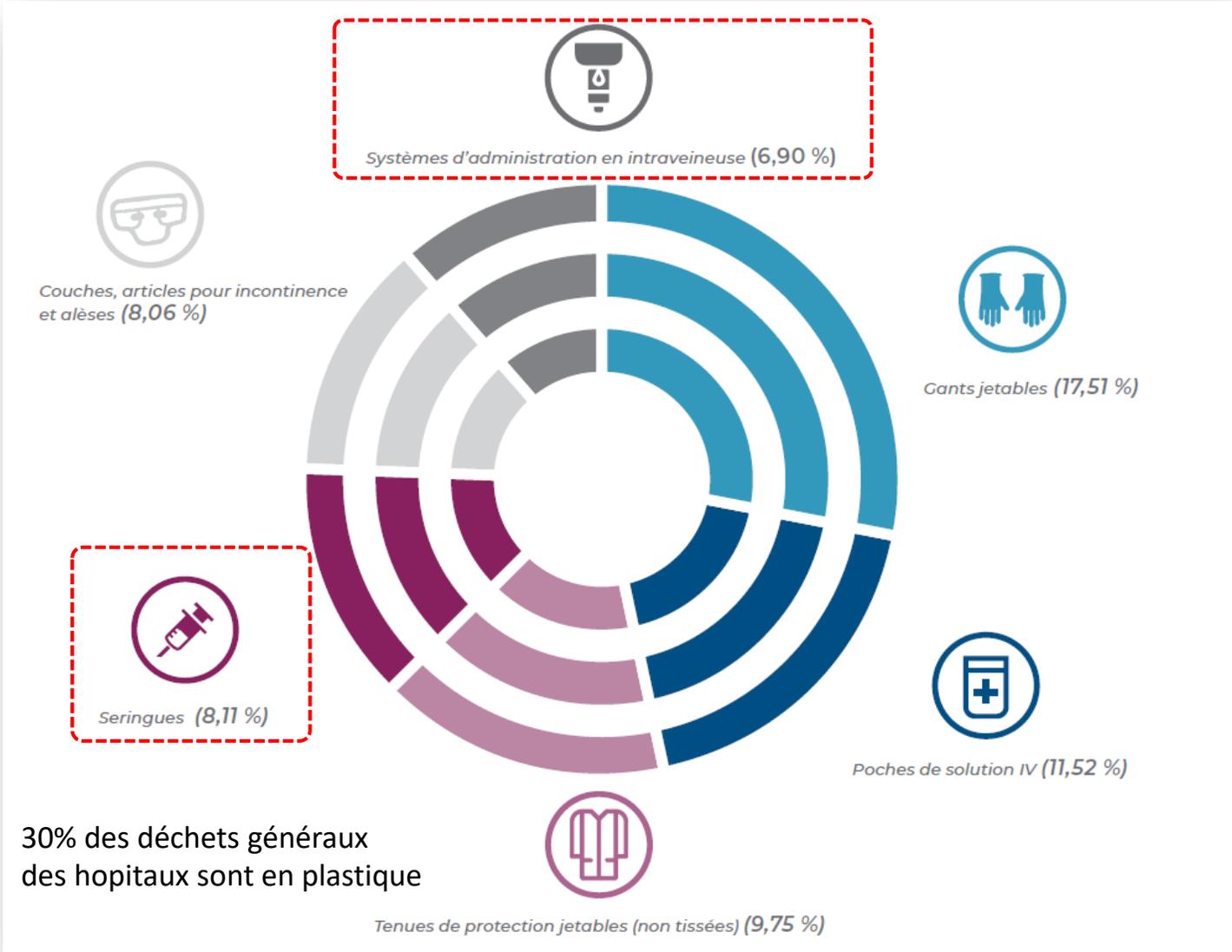


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Property	Commodity Plastics	Engineering Thermoplastics	High-Temperature Engineering Thermoplastics and Other Polymers
Percent usage in medical device applications	70% of all plastics	20% of all plastics	10% of all plastics
Types of plastics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Polyethylene</li> <li>• Polypropylene</li> <li>• Polystyrene</li> <li>• Polyvinyl chloride</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Polyamides, nylons</li> <li>• Polyesters</li> <li>• Polycarbonates</li> <li>• Polyurethanes</li> <li>• Acrylics</li> <li>• Acetals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Polyimides</li> <li>• Polyetherimides</li> <li>• Polysulfones</li> <li>• Polyether ether ketone</li> <li>• Polyphenylene sulfide</li> <li>• Fluoropolymers</li> <li>• Liquid crystalline polymers</li> <li>• Biopolymers</li> <li>• Thermosets and adhesives</li> </ul>
Medical device applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tubing</li> <li>• Films, packaging</li> <li>• Connectors</li> <li>• Labware</li> <li>• IV bags</li> <li>• Catheters</li> <li>• Face masks</li> <li>• Drug-delivery components</li> <li>• Housings</li> <li>• Luers</li> <li>• Connectors</li> <li>• Membranes</li> <li>• Sutures</li> <li>• Syringes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surgical instruments</li> <li>• Balloons</li> <li>• Blood set components</li> <li>• Blood bowls</li> <li>• Blood oxygenators</li> <li>• Syringes</li> <li>• Moving parts and components</li> <li>• Luers</li> <li>• Catheters</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surgical instruments</li> <li>• Surgical trays</li> <li>• Syringes</li> <li>• Implants</li> <li>• Dental implants</li> <li>• Bone implants</li> <li>• Moving parts and components</li> <li>• High precision parts</li> <li>• Electronic components</li> <li>• Luers</li> <li>• Bioresorbable sutures</li> </ul>

Source: Plastics in Medical Devices, Elsevier, 2022.

# Les plastiques dans les dispositifs médicaux : consommables



# La réglementation portant sur les dispositifs médicaux

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Journal officiel de l'Union européenne

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## RÈGLEMENT (UE) 2017/745 DU PARLEMENT EUROPÉEN ET DU CONSEIL

du 5 avril 2017

relatif aux dispositifs médicaux, modifiant la directive 2001/83/CE, le règlement (CE) n° 178/2002 et le règlement (CE) n° 1223/2009 et abrogeant les directives du Conseil 90/385/CEE et 93/42/CEE

### CHAPITRE II

## MISE À DISPOSITION SUR LE MARCHÉ ET MISE EN SERVICE DES DISPOSITIFS, OBLIGATIONS DES OPÉRATEURS ÉCONOMIQUES, RETRAITEMENT, MARQUAGE CE ET LIBRE CIRCULATION

### Article 8

#### Application de normes harmonisées

1. Les dispositifs conformes aux normes harmonisées applicables, ou à des parties pertinentes de ces normes, dont les références ont été publiées au *Journal officiel de l'Union européenne* sont présumés conformes aux exigences du présent règlement relevant de ces normes ou de parties de celles-ci.
2. Les références faites dans le présent règlement à des normes harmonisées incluent aussi les monographies de la pharmacopée européenne adoptées en vertu de la convention relative à l'élaboration d'une pharmacopée européenne

# La réglementation portant sur les dispositifs médicaux

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# Exemple d'une monographie plastique

EUROPEAN PHARMACOPOEIA 6.0

## 3.1.5. Polyethylene with additives for containers

### 3.1.5. POLYETHYLENE WITH ADDITIVES FOR CONTAINERS FOR PARENTERAL PREPARATIONS AND FOR OPHTHALMIC PREPARATIONS

- hydrotalcite (not more than 0.5 per cent),
- alkanamides (not more than 0.5 per cent),
- alkenamides (not more than 0.5 per cent),
- sodium silico-aluminate (not more than 0.5 per cent),
- silica (not more than 0.5 per cent),
- sodium benzoate (not more than 0.5 per cent),
- fatty acid esters or salts (not more than 0.5 per cent),
- trisodium phosphate (not more than 0.5 per cent),
- liquid paraffin (not more than 0.5 per cent),
- zinc oxide (not more than 0.5 per cent),
- magnesium oxide (not more than 0.2 per cent),
- calcium stearate or zinc stearate or a mixture of both (not more than 0.5 per cent),
- titanium dioxide (not more than 4 per cent) only for materials for containers for ophthalmic use.

They may contain at most three antioxidants, one or several lubricants or antiblocking agents as well as titanium dioxide as an opacifying agent when the material must provide protection from light.

- butylhydroxytoluene (plastic additive 07) (not more than 0.125 per cent),
- pentaerythrityl tetrakis[3-(3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)propionate] (plastic additive 09) (not more than 0.3 per cent),
- 1,3,5-tris(3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-4-hydroxybenzyl)-s-triazine-2,4,6(1*H*,3*H*,5*H*)-trione (plastic additive 13) (not more than 0.3 per cent),
- octadecyl 3-(3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)propionate, (plastic additive 11) (not more than 0.3 per cent),
- ethylene bis[3,3-bis[3-(1,1-dimethylethyl)-4-hydroxyphenyl]butanoate] (plastic additive 08) (not more than 0.3 per cent),
- dioctadecyl disulphide (plastic additive 15) (not more than 0.3 per cent),
- 4,4',4''-(2,4,6-trimethylbenzene-1,3,5-triyl)tris(methylene)tris[2,6-bis(1,1-dimethylethyl)phenol] (plastic additive 10) (not more than 0.3 per cent),

The total of antioxidant additives listed above does not exceed 0.3 per cent.

# Lea additifs autorisés par la Pharmacopée Européenne

EUROPEAN PHARMACOPOEIA 6.2

3.1.13. Plastic additives

01/2008:30113 corrected 6.2 2,6-bis(1,1-dimethylethyl)-4-methylphenol

synonyms: – **butylhydroxytoluene**,  
– 2,6-bis(1,1-dimethylethyl)-4-methylphenol,  
– 2,6-di-*tert*-butyl-4-methylphenol.

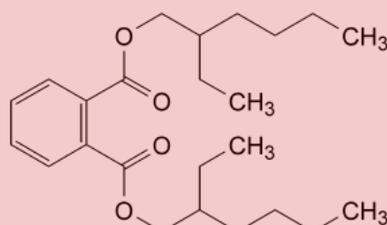
## 3.1.13. PLASTIC ADDITIVES

*NOTE: the nomenclature given first is according to the IUPAC rules. The synonym given in bold corresponds to the name given in the texts of Chapter 3. The synonym corresponding to the rules of the texts of "Chemical Abstracts" is also given.*

add01. C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>38</sub>O<sub>4</sub>. [117-81-7]. PM RN 74640.



H360FD  
Reprotoxique

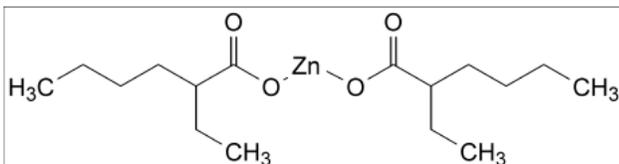


**DEHP**

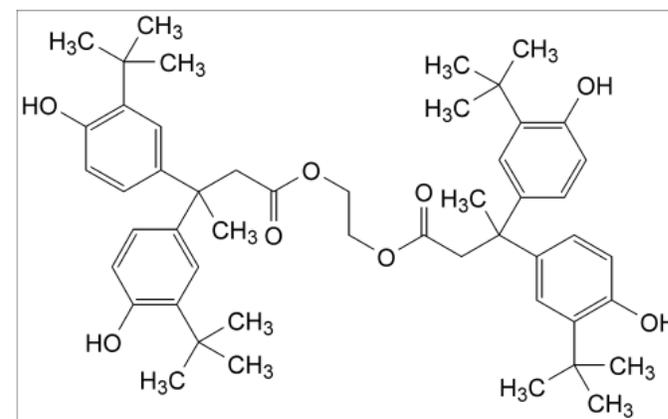
(2*RS*)-2-ethylhexyl benzene-1,2-dicarboxylate

synonyms: – **di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate**,  
– 1,2-benzenedicarboxylic acid,  
bis(2-ethylhexyl) ester.

add02. C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Zn. [136-53-8]. PM RN 54120.



add08. C<sub>50</sub>H<sub>66</sub>O<sub>8</sub>. [32509-66-3]. PM RN 53670.



ethylene bis[3,3-bis[3-(1,1-dimethylethyl)-4-hydroxyphenyl]butanoate]

synonyms: – **ethylene bis[3,3-bis[3-(1,1-dimethylethyl)-4-hydroxyphenyl]butanoate]**,  
– butanoic acid, 3,3-bis[3-(1,1-dimethylethyl)-4-hydroxyphenyl]-, 1,2-ethanediyl ester,  
– ethylene bis[3,3-bis(3-*tert*-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)butyrate].

add09. C<sub>73</sub>H<sub>108</sub>O<sub>12</sub>. [6683-19-8]. PM RN 71680.

# La réglementation portant sur les dispositifs médicaux

## CHAPITRE II

### EXIGENCES RELATIVES À LA CONCEPTION ET À LA FABRICATION

#### 10. Propriétés chimiques, physiques et biologiques

##### 10.4. Substances

##### 10.4.1. Conception et fabrication des dispositifs

Les dispositifs sont conçus et fabriqués de manière à réduire autant que possible les risques liés aux substances ou aux particules, y compris les débris dus à l'usure, les produits de dégradation et les résidus de transformation, susceptibles d'être libérés d'un dispositif.

Les dispositifs, ou les parties de dispositifs ou matériaux utilisés ne contiennent les substances ci-après dans une concentration supérieure à 0,1 % en fraction massique (m/m) que lorsque cela est justifié

- a) substances cancérogènes, mutagènes ou toxiques pour la reproduction de catégorie 1A ou 1B, conformément à l'annexe VI, partie 3, du règlement (CE) n° 1272/2008 du Parlement européen et du Conseil <sup>(1)</sup>; ou
- b) substances possédant des propriétés perturbant le système endocrinien, pour lesquelles il est scientifiquement prouvé qu'elles peuvent avoir des effets graves sur la santé humaine

- 10.6. Les dispositifs sont conçus et fabriqués de façon à réduire autant que possible les risques associés à la taille et aux propriétés des particules qui sont libérées dans le corps du patient ou de l'utilisateur, ou sont susceptibles de l'être, sauf si elles entrent en contact uniquement avec une peau intacte. Une attention particulière est accordée aux nanomatériaux.

Substance  
Particules  
Débris  
Usure

Substances  
dangereuses



# Les microplastiques issus des dispositifs médicaux : masques

Science of the Total Environment 912 (2024) 169428

## Assessment of inhalation exposure to microplastic particles when disposable masks are repeatedly used

Jhy-Charm Soo<sup>a</sup>, Chun-Hsuan Wei<sup>b</sup>, Jen-Kun Chen<sup>c</sup>, Guo-Chung Dong<sup>c</sup>, Zhen-Shu Liu<sup>d</sup>, Hsiu-Chuan Chou<sup>e</sup>, Rocio L. Perez<sup>f</sup>, Atin Adhikari<sup>a</sup>, Yu-Cheng Chen<sup>b,g,h,\*</sup>

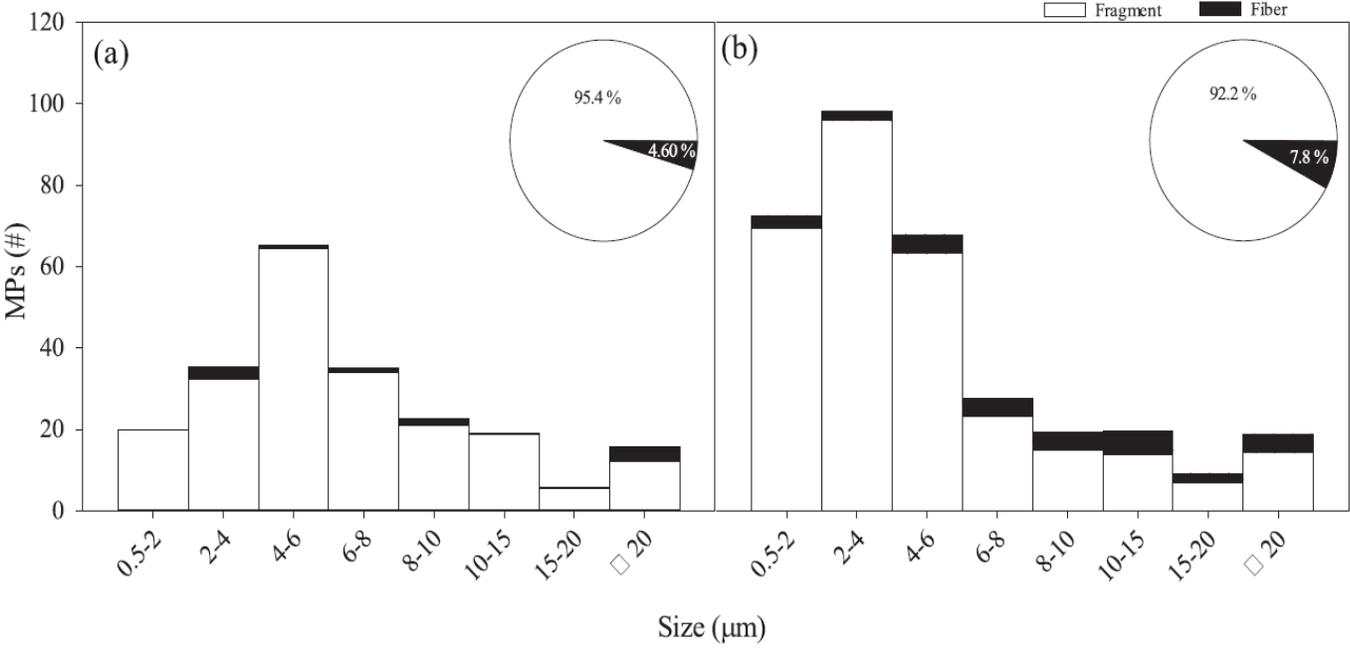
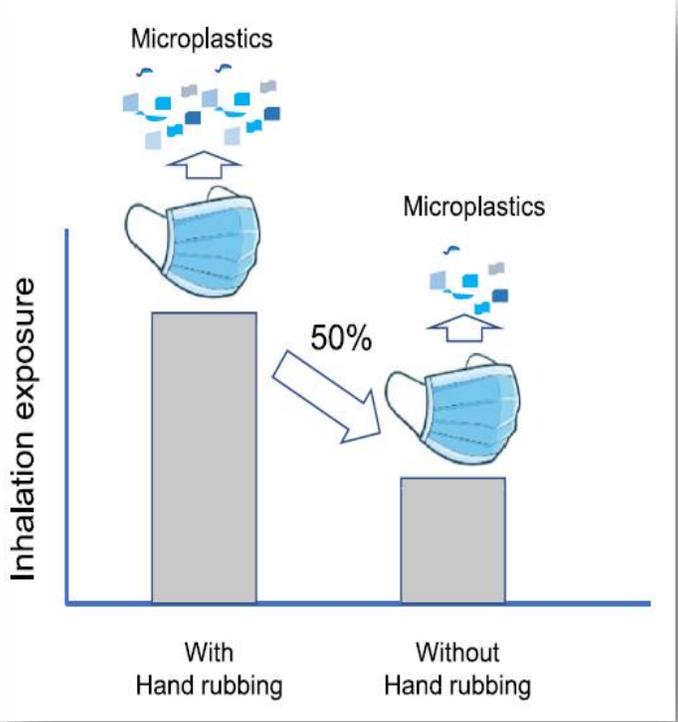


Fig. 4. Particle size distribution of the cumulative MPs (28 h) in fragments and fibers released from the brand-new masks (a) without and (b) with hand-rubbing.



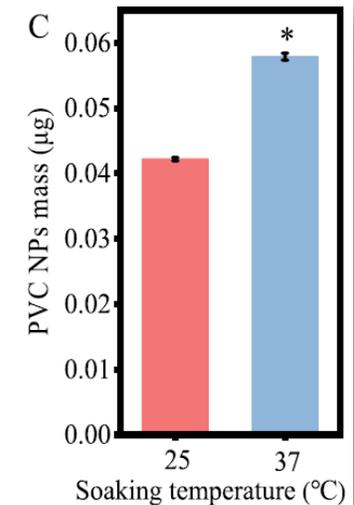
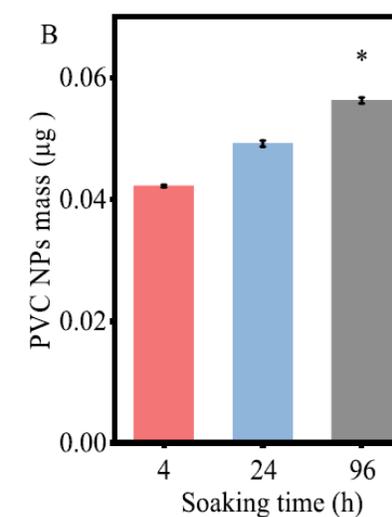
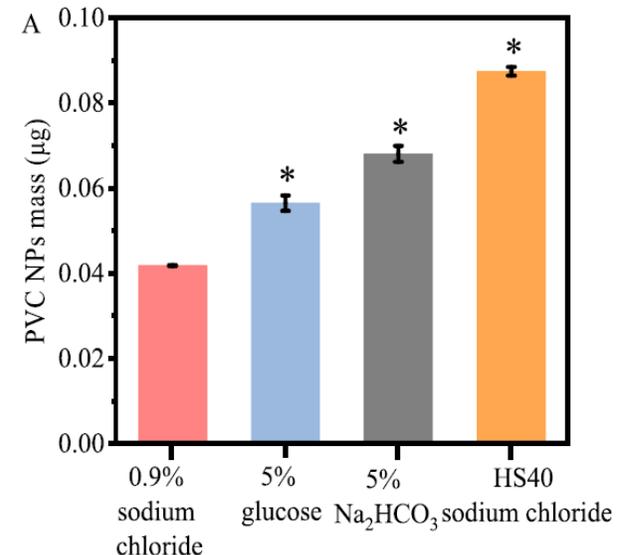
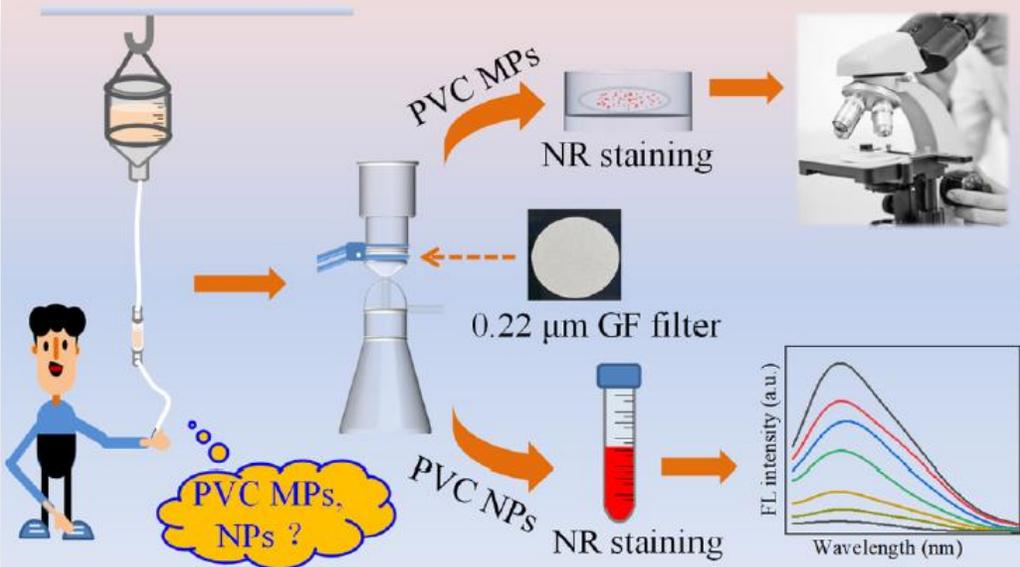
# Les microplastiques issus des dispositifs médicaux : infusion

Journal of Hazardous Materials 465 (2024) 133246

## Quantitative analysis of microplastics and nanoplastics released from disposable PVC infusion tubes

Xueyi Zheng, Qiaochen Feng, Liangqia Guo\*

Ministry of Education Key Laboratory for Analytical Science of Food Safety and Biology, Fujian Provincial Key Laboratory of Analysis and Detection Technology for Food Safety, College of Chemistry, Fuzhou University, Fuzhou 350116, China



“... the released PVC MPs and NPs were ranged from 1003.6 ~ 3494.6 particles and 0.042 ~ 0.087 µg, respectively in stimulating normal infusion scenario (room temperature 4 h) ...”

# Les microplastiques dans l'environnement hospitalier

Environment International 170 (2022) 107630

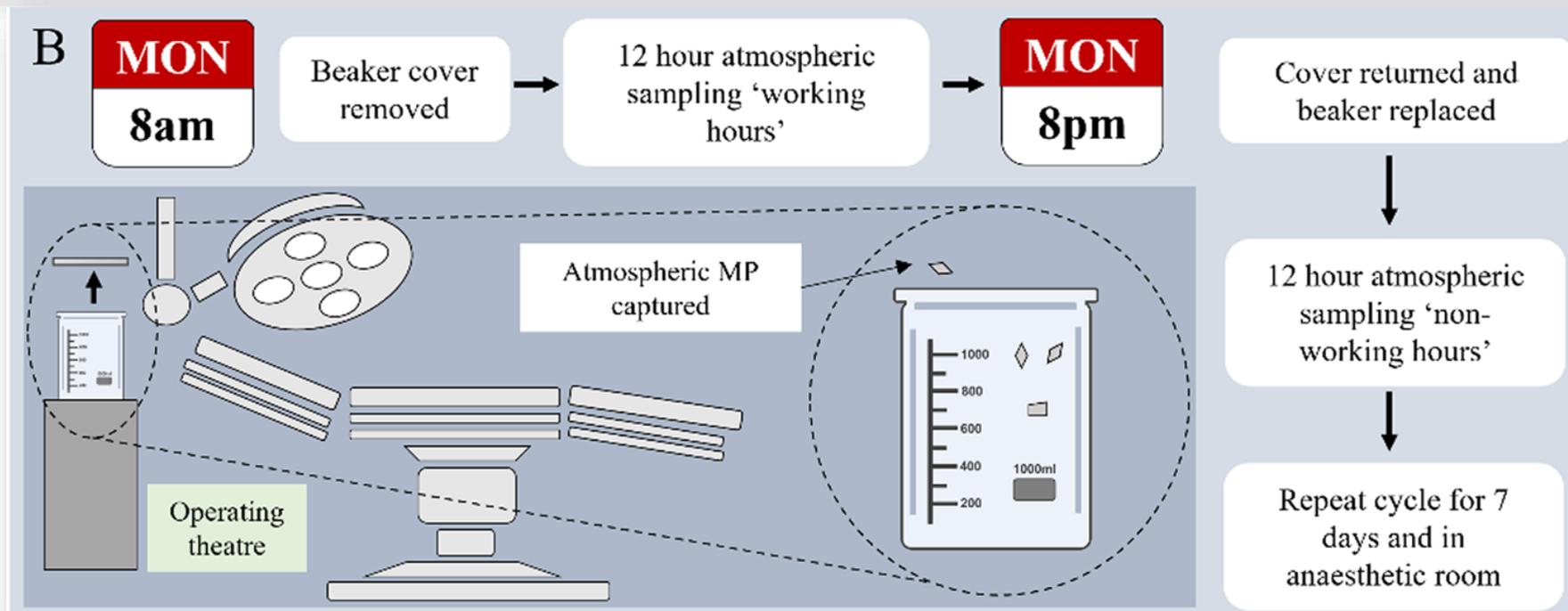
## Microplastics in the surgical environment

Daniel T. Field<sup>a,b</sup>, Jordan L. Green<sup>a,b</sup>, Robert Bennett<sup>a</sup>, Lauren C. Jenner<sup>b</sup>, Laura.R. Sadofsky<sup>b</sup>, Emma Chapman<sup>c</sup>, Mahmoud Loubani<sup>a</sup>, Jeanette M. Rotchell<sup>c,\*</sup>

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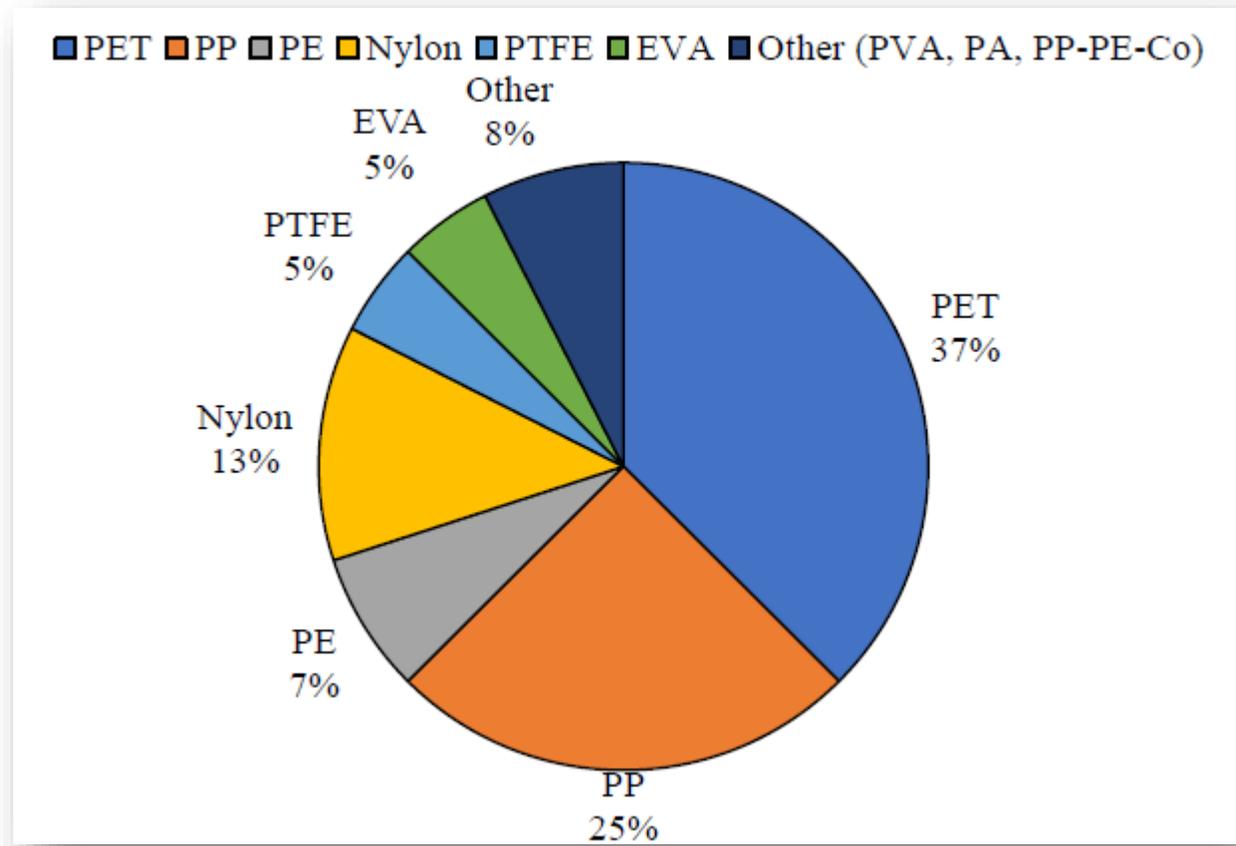
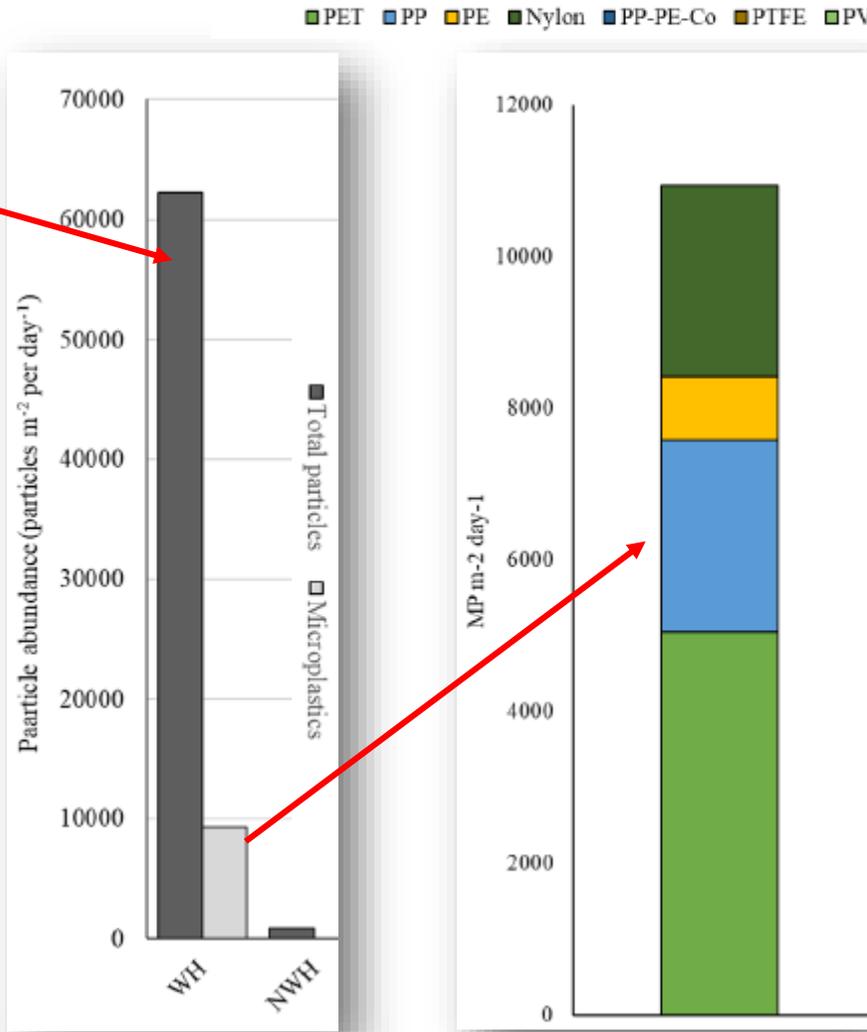
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# Les microplastiques dans l'environnement hospitalier

Zeine 60%  
 Cellulose 22%  
 SiO<sub>2</sub> 2%  
 Bois 1%  
 Zn acétate 1%



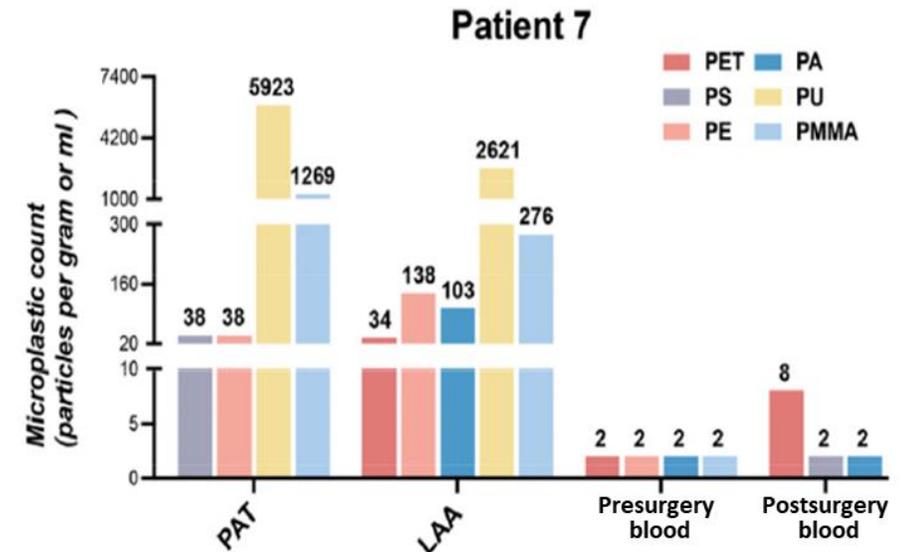
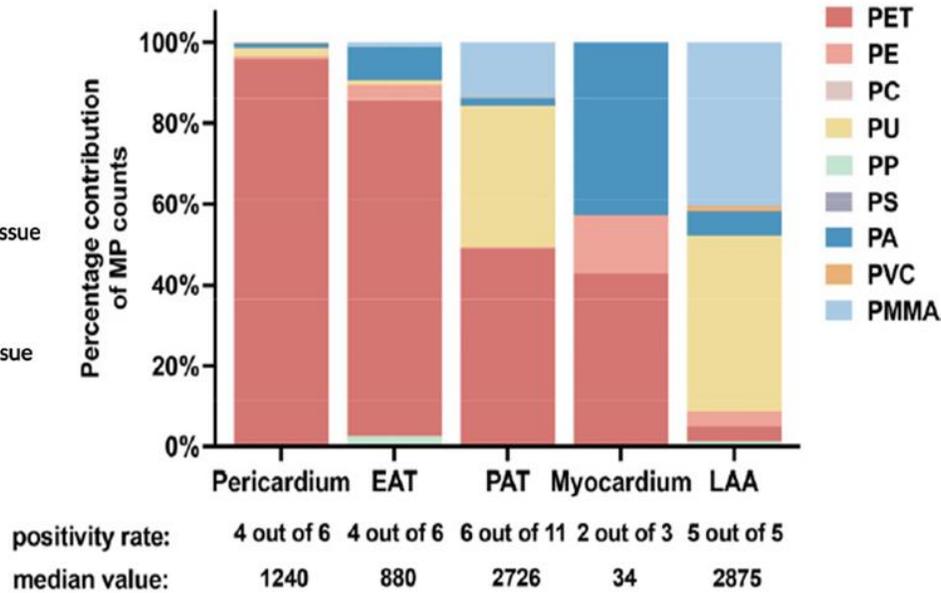
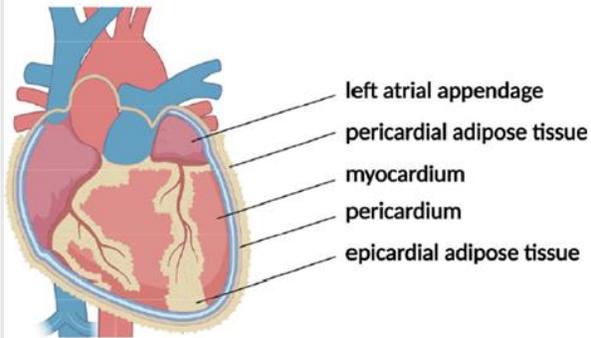
Environment International 170 (2022) 107630

# Les microplastiques dans l'environnement hospitalier

*Environ. Sci. Technol.* 2023, 57, 10911–10918

## Detection of Various Microplastics in Patients Undergoing Cardiac Surgery

Yunxiao Yang, Enzehua Xie, Zhiyong Du, Zhan Peng, Zhongyi Han, Linyi Li, Rui Zhao, Yanwen Qin, Mianqi Xue, Fengwang Li, Kun Hua,\* and Xiubin Yang\*



# Les microplastiques issus des consommables

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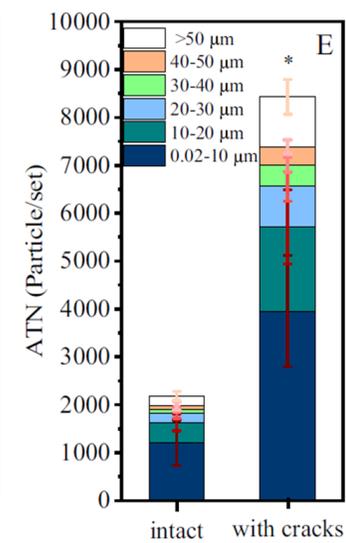
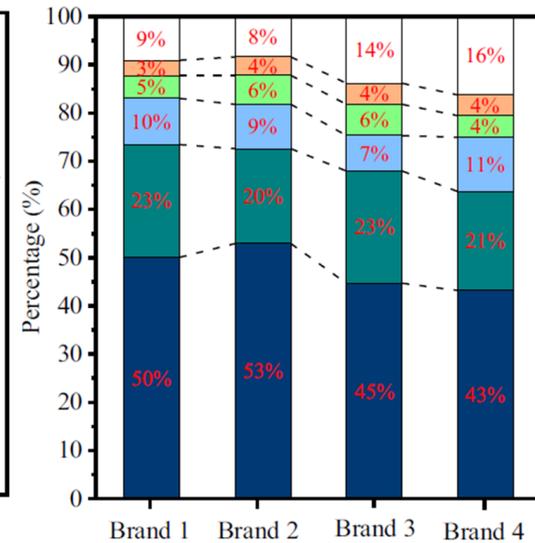
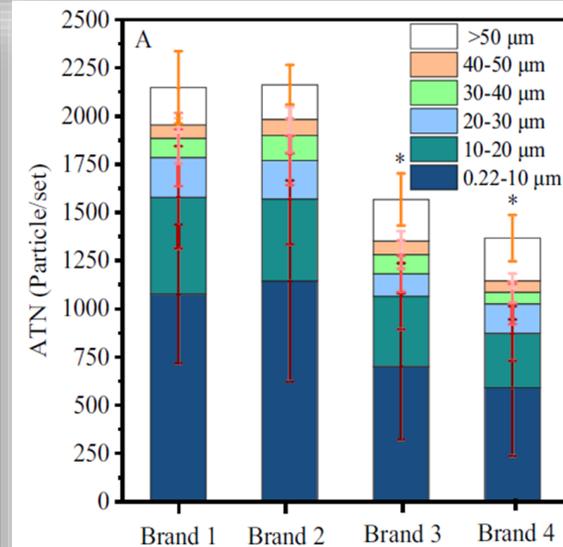
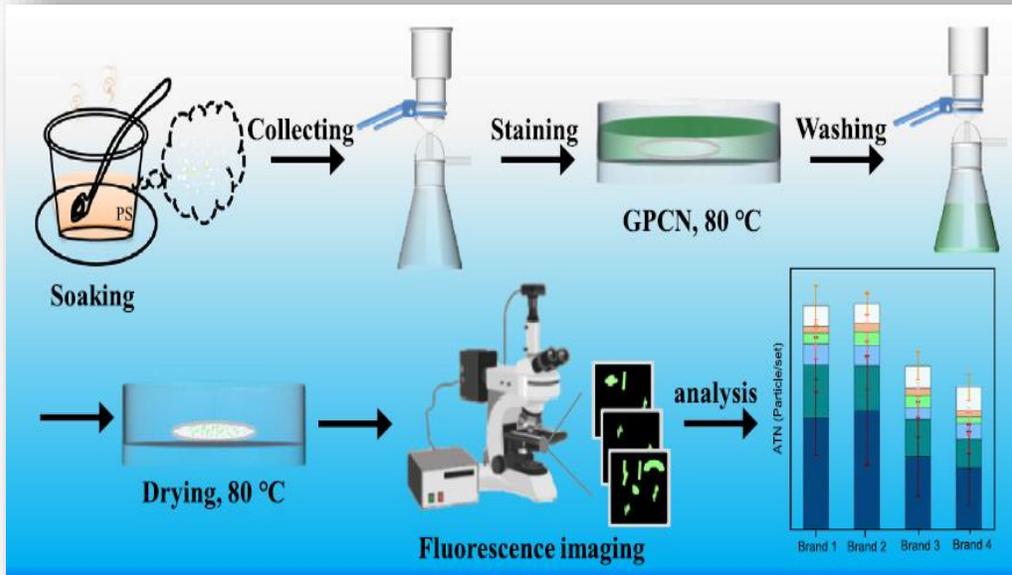
## Quantification analysis of microplastics released from disposable polystyrene tableware with fluorescent polymer staining

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“... brand-new DPT samples were found to carry a large number of MPs particles and the clean DPT samples could release MPs during usage ... particles with size <50 μm are the majority of the detected...”

# L'exposition aux microplastiques dans le milieu médical

Chemosphere 303 (2022) 135227

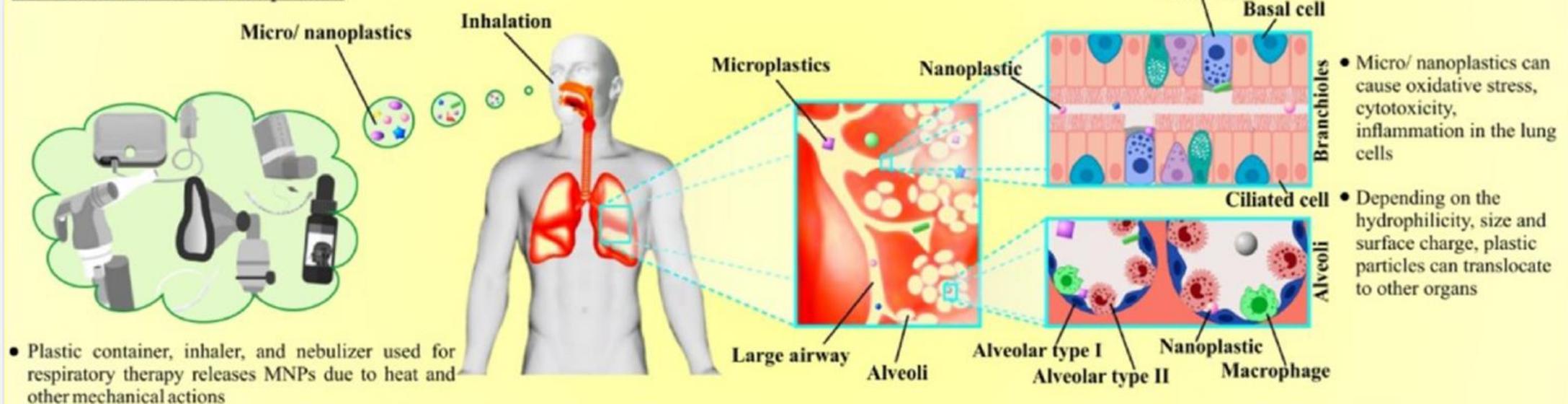
## Plastic particles in medicine: A systematic review of exposure and effects to human health

Ponnusamy Manogaran Gopinath<sup>a</sup>, Venkatachalam Deepa Parvathi<sup>b</sup>,  
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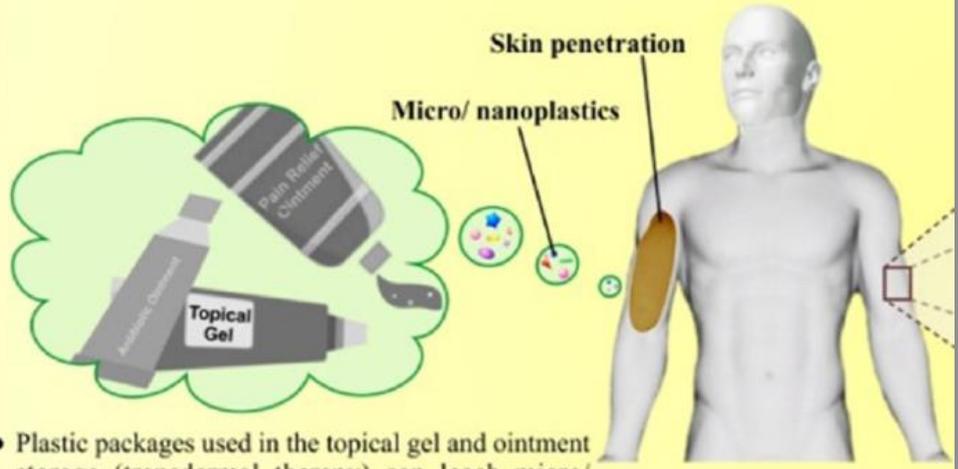
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### Inhalation of micro/ nanoplastics



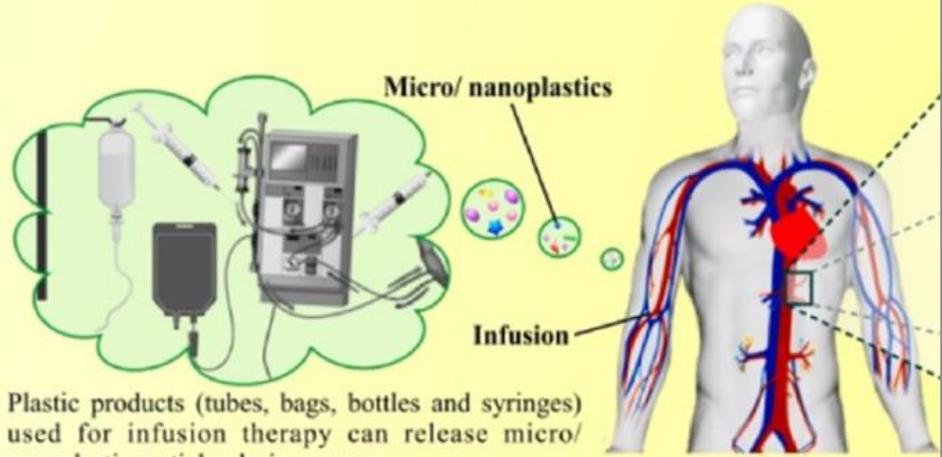
# L'exposition aux microplastiques dans le milieu médical

## Dermal absorption of micro/ nanoplastics



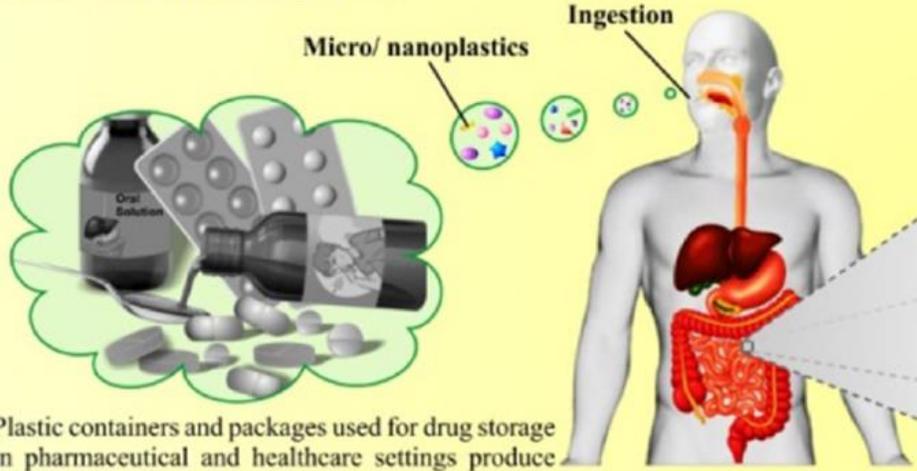
- Plastic packages used in the topical gel and ointment storage (transdermal therapy) can leach micro/ nanoplastics

## Infusion of micro/ nanoplastics

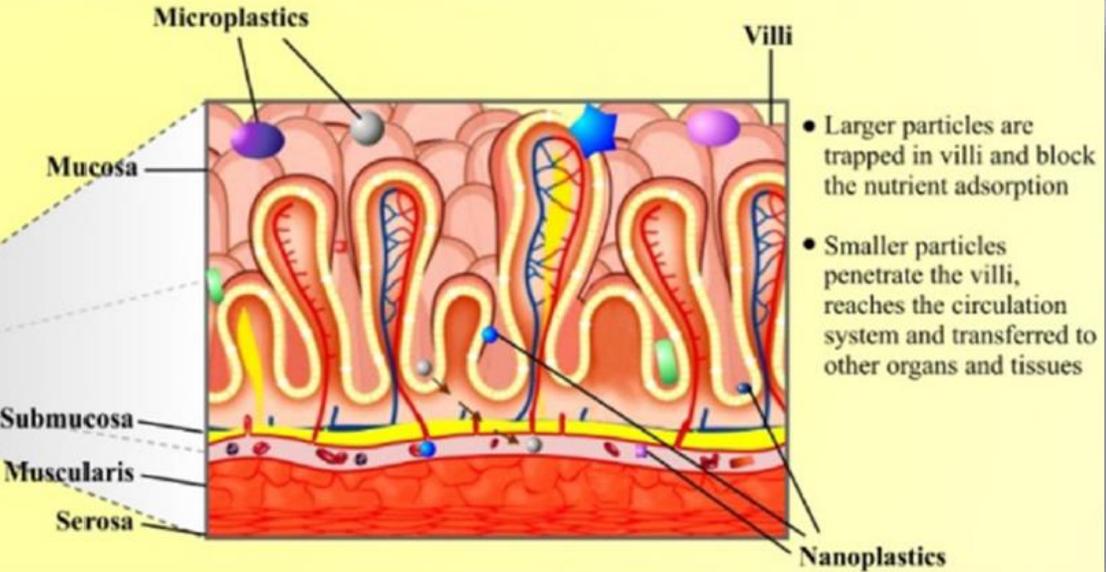


- Plastic products (tubes, bags, bottles and syringes) used for infusion therapy can release micro/ nanoplastic particles during usage

## Ingestion of micro/ nanoplastics

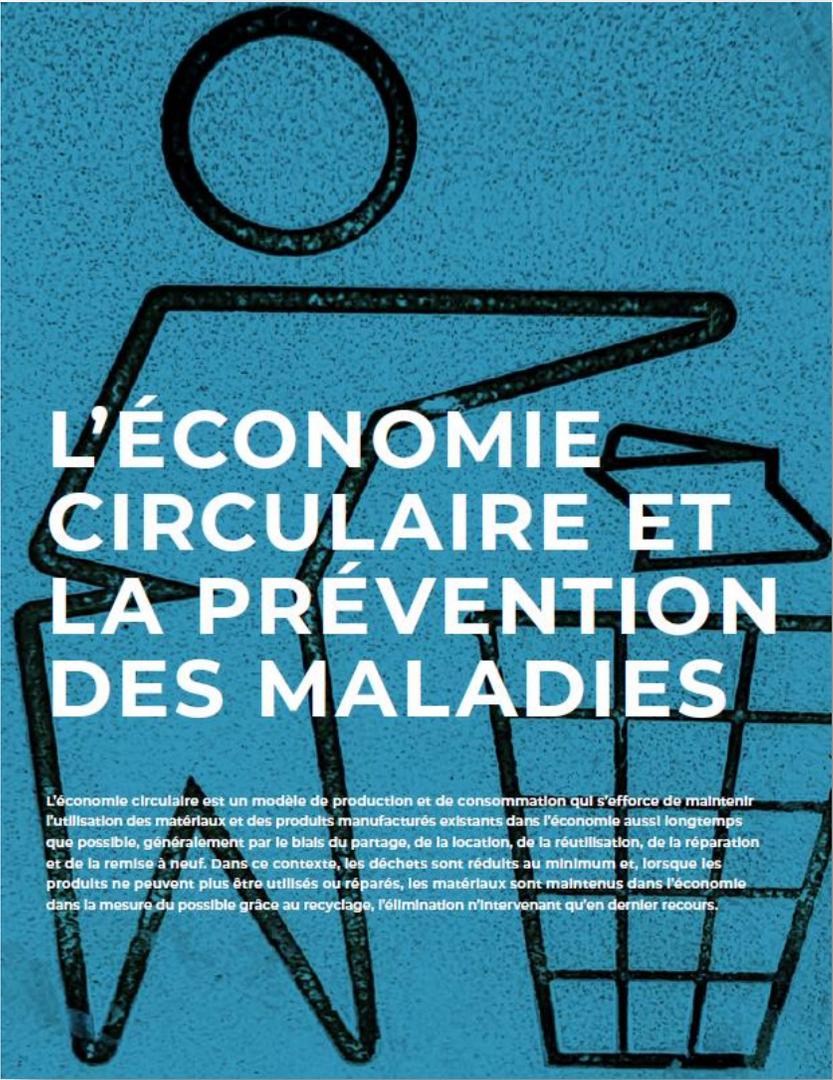


- Plastic containers and packages used for drug storage in pharmaceutical and healthcare settings produce MNPs due to physical, chemical and biological action

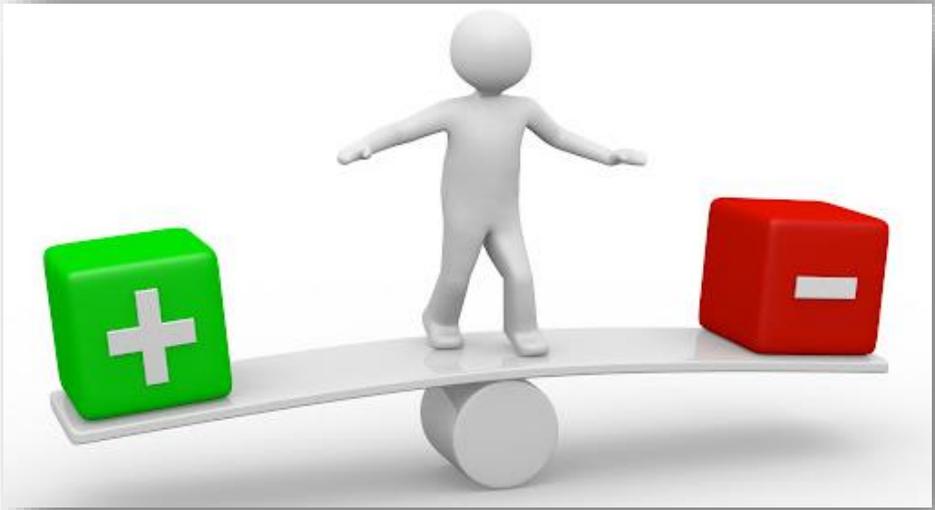
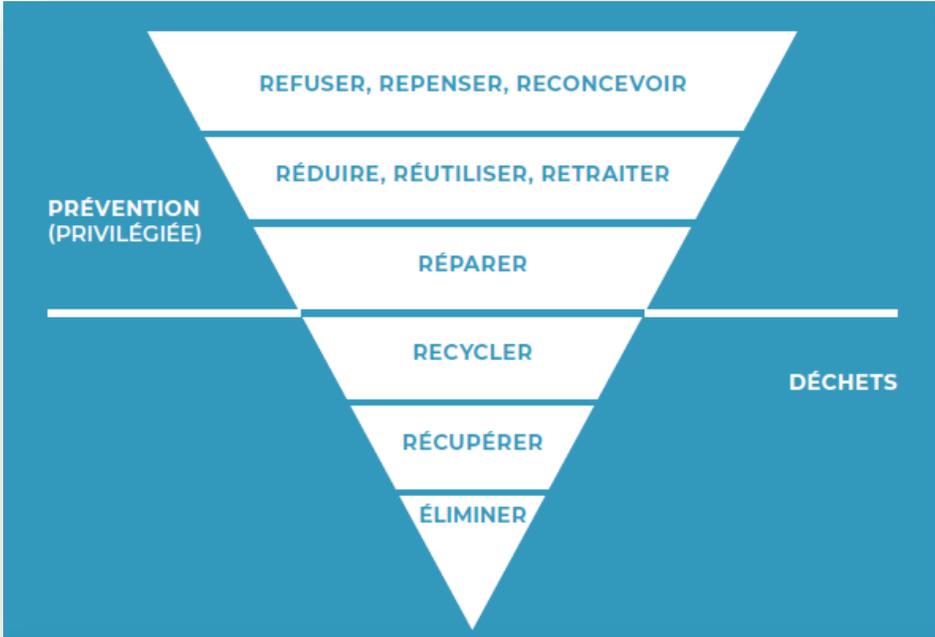


- Larger particles are trapped in villi and block the nutrient adsorption
- Smaller particles penetrate the villi, reaches the circulation system and transferred to other organs and tissues

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# En résumé....

## **Les fabricants suivent strictement la réglementation**

(Règlement 2017/745, Pharmacopée, Directive Pack, Loi AGEC...)

La réglementation ne traite pas précisément des microplastiques émis lors de la phase d'usage des DM

**Economie circulaire et sécurité sanitaire doivent cohabiter**

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